Board of Transportation.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION IS QUESTIONED

Lowering the Hay Rate Fixed by the Elkhorn and Some of the Events that Led Up to and Followed that Action.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 24.—[Special to Tun BEE |- The action of the State Board of Transportation in ordering the Fremont, Eikhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad company to restore its old rates on hay shipments to Omaha and common points has resulted in something of a row in railroad circies, and several prominent people have been charged with duplicity in the matter, not excepting the manager of a well known Nebraska railroad and several state officials. The case is an important one, not so much on account of the interest of the hay shippers as might be imagined, but because it brings into court a question which has never yet been tested by the State Board of Transportation during its somewhat erratic and lugioricus career. For the first time since the board was constituted by act of legislature it proposes to test the question of original jurisdiction over railroad rates in Nebraska. Heretofore the members of the board have fought shy of the proposition that the board had jurisdiction to compel the roads to lower rates. Almost everybody else in the state has contended that the board had such jurisdiction, but the board itself has never

Prior to October 3 of the present year the hay shippers along the line of the Elichorn road enjoyed a rate which gave them easy and profitable access to the markets of Omaha and common points. On that date the Eikhorn raised the rate to a point that made the shipping of the succellent product of the Elkhorn valley practically an impossi-

Then a Protest Went Up.

Then an indignant protest went up from all along the line. A committee of prominent shippers visited Omaha and ranged themselves in front of the desk of General Manager Burt. They laid their grievance before him. They told him that they had invested their money in machinery and presses; that they had employed men all during the season and bad placed in stack hundreds of thousands of tons of hay ready for shipment. The rates had been raised upon them without notice and if enforced would wibe out the profits of their summer's work. Would not the general manager rescind the order raising the rates or at least withhold it until after the present season's crop had been marketed? The general manager would not.

He listened to their complaint and their arguments and finally, with that air of labored facetiousness which becomes him so well, disposed of the matter and the presence of the committee by remarking:

"Well, gentlemen, if you want relief from these rates I would advise you to consult Senator Mullen, it may be remarked purenthetically, was one of the independent members of the last legislature who worked and voted for the passage of the maximum rate

Then the hay makers adopted new tacties. They had already circulated petitions and the matter was laid before the State Board of Transportation. Some of the petitions had been addressed to K. C. Morehouse, general freight agent of the Fremont. Elk horn & Missouri Valley railroad, others were directed to the board. former were corrected so as to wipe out the name of K. C. Morehouse and substitute the board of transportation.

Several Bourd Meetings Held.

Then the beard met and lowered the rates to the former sigures. The Elkhorn people were given ten days in which to show cause why the rates should not be lowered. Then it was the turn of the railroad people to enter an indignant protest. They never dreamed of appealing to Senator Mullen, but laid their complaints directly before the in-dividual members of the board. In the meantime several usly stories be-

gan to pass current. One of these was to the effect that after the hay shippers had made their formal complaint to the Board of Transportation a member of the board took the matter to General Manager Holdrege and asked his advice in regard to the mat-ter. According to the report the general manager of the B. & M. advised the member who consulted him that the board was doing just right, and that the screws should by all means be but to the Elkhorn. Acting upon this advice, the member who had made the trip to Omaba returned to Lincoln. Then a private meeting was held in the office of Attorney General Hastings and the matter was quietly discussed. Then another meeting was held down stairs in the offices of noon the formal meeting was held and th reduction ordered. This is the story that floated out of the offices of the attorneys in this city who are supposed to be friendly to the Elkhorn interests

Another Phase of the Story.

The story has another side and it is as follows: When the identity of the member of the board who called upon General Man-ager Holdrege was called up, suspicion pointed to State Treasurer Bartley. It was stated that he was the man who sought and obtained the advice of the man who runs the that perhaps he was the man. He made the owing statement: saw Holdrege and asked him what he

thought of the matter. He said that it was a proper action for the board to take. But the public will please bear in mind one fact which pfaces an entirely different phase upon the matter. I did not go to Omana to see Holdrege, neither did I ask his opinion of the matter before the action was com-menced by the State Board of Transporta-The board took its action before any railroad official was consulted. The com-plaints had been laid before the general manager and he declined to consider them. The attorneys of the beard looked up the law and advised us that we had original jurisdiction to compel the railroad to restor passed the order restoring the rates that were in effect prior to October 3. The next day I made a trip to Omnha, and while on the train I met Holdrege. I told him what the board has done and no thought we had performed our duty."

Secretary Dilworth Talks. Secretary Dilworth stated that he knew all about the manner in which the petitions nad been changed so that they addressed the beard instead of K. C. Morehouse. The change was made, he said, by Mr. Harrley in open board meeting. No effort was made to concent the fact. A negetil was simply drawn through the orbinal address and the new address written in. This was simply done for formality's sake. At first the board wanted to notify the railroad that a comulaint had been filed and that it should board wanted to notify the railroad that a complaint had been filed and that it should come into court and show cause why the rates should not be reduced. After looking up the laws again Mr. Difworth was convinced in his own mind that the board had original jurisdiction, and so it was agreed to put the question to a test. Usually the railroad company is given an opportunity to be heard before the order is made. In order to test the question, in this instance the rule was disregarded and the order made in advance. The Elikhern was given ten in advance. The Elkhern was given ten days in which to show cause why the order should not be enforced. Then the time was extended until the 24th inst, and the finel bearing is now set for next Wednesday.

There is a fair prospect that the matter ill go to the supreme court, and in the neantime the hay shippers must be patient. | Thursday.

HAS THE BOARD THE POWER Of course, the chances are that their hay will not before the question is settled, but they will have the consolation of knowing that the State Board of Transportation, in Important Point Raised Concerning the State | one instance at least, defice the railroads to the extent of 60 cents a ten on dried grass.

FREMONT AFFAIRS.

Man Arrested as a Vagrant Now Charged With Burglary.

FREMONT, Dec. 24. - (Special to The Ben.) -Y few weeks ago there was brought to this city from Dolge, charged with vagrancy, a man calling himself Alias-with severa other aliases -who had on his person a full set of burglars' tools. He now turns up as a burglar in fact and has been arrested by the postal authorities for robbing a postoffice. He had letters on his person forwarded from here and he has been fully identified by Postmaster Carroll from descriptions sent to ilm by the department as being the identi-al Dodge Alias with the mysterious outfit. The cantate of "Santa Claus Family"

resented at the Christmas entertainment at he Methodist Episcopal church last night to a large audience, after which the good things were distributed to the delight of many a young heart.

Suit has been commenced in the district ourt against Sheriff Millileen by Thomas A. Johnson, grocer, for \$1.016,99, claimed as damages, growing out of the foreclosure by Pax-& Gallagher of Omaha on the grounds that

the sale was not legally advertised.

Charies H. May of this city was the recipient of an elegant gold badge from his brother Odu Fellows, commemorative of his quarter century of active work in his order. The badge is called the "veteran lewel" is issued by the sovereign grand lodge of the world, and to which only members of twentylive years standing are entitled. The presentation was made by Arthur Gibson, himself a veteran. It is the tenth emblem of the kind issued in the state and is very highly appreciated.

At a late hour last night mortgages were

filed on the clothing stock of A. O. Norcen, in favor of his creditors, as follows: Comin favor of his creations as follows: Commercial National bank, \$3,100; C. Christensen, \$1,000; K. B. Olson & Co., Chicago, \$178; Buffalo Shirt company, Buffalo, \$157,50; Sweet, Dempster & Co., Chicago, \$1,783,13; Cushing, Olmstead & Snow, Boston, \$2,637,20. Mr. Noreen claims that his stock and book accounts invoice at \$19,000 and his liabilities will not exceed \$14,000. will not exceed \$14,000.

The Congregational, Baptist and Presby-erian churches will hold Christmas exercises at their several churches on Monday F. W. Hyatt, his son Sidney and daughter

May were called to Courtland vesterday on account of the dangerous illness of the daughter and sister, Mrs. Harry Stephensen of that place.
Al flopkins, who has been traveling salesman for the Fremont Saddlery company, has severed his connection with that company to take the same position with the Clinton

At the meeting of John A. Logan circle, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, last night the following officers were elected for the next term: President, Mrs. C. W. Hyatt; senior vice president, Mrs. H. A. Crandall; junior vice president, Mr. Dawn Allen; trensurer, Mrs. J. Balduff; conductor, Mrs. H. A. Williams; secretary, Mrs. B. F. French; chaplain, Mrs. H. Bowerman; guard, Mrs. James Murray.

PLAYED WITH A PISTOL.

Boy at Lincoln Succeeds in Shooting Himself in the Head.

Lincoln, Dec. 24 - Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- Louis Atkinson, 16-year-old son of Hon. C. A. Atkinson, accidentally shot himself while handling a revolver this afternoon. His parents were out driving at the time the accident occurred, leaving the boy alone in the house. The bullet entered the left cheek and passed backward. At first it was believed that the ball had penetrated the base of the brain, but after a careful examination the physicians concluded that it had imbed ted itself in parts less vital. The boy was unconscious for several hours, but at So'clock this evening he had revived sof. ficiently to recognize his father. the wound is a very serious one, the physicians are hopeful of saving his life.

BAD BLAZES.

Fire at Arapahoe Destroys \$15,000 Worth of Property-Residence Burned. ARAPAHOE, Neb., Dec. 24.- |Special Telegram to The Bee. |-The hardware and furniture stock of E. I. Murphy, valued at \$10,000, was totally destroyed about 4:30 o'clock this morning. Insurance, \$7,500. The building, a two-story frame structure, was owned by the Bank of Arapahoe and heavest for \$2.500.

STEELE CITY, Neb., Dec. 24,-[Special Telegram to The Bee | -A dwelling about four miles west of here on the ranch of M. H. Southwell of Avymore, was burned to the ground yesterday evening. The building was occupied by L. C. Payne, who suc coested in saving a part of his household goods. Loss on building, \$1,200; contents, \$300; insurance not known.

ASHLAND, Neb., Dec. 24 .- (Special to THE Beg. |-Master John Doty, son of Mrs. Doty,

hving in the west part, was fooling with a revolver yesterday when suddenly the cartridge snapped, one ball bitting his hand and making a very painful wound.
The Ashland Gazette of Friday contained a very long and creditable write-up of Ashland and Ashland's business men.
W. H. Davis of this city left on his bicycle

Priday for Texas and other southern states. He expects to be gone all winter. A social dance was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Pickering, living

west of town, Thursday evening.
The schools closed Friday for the regular holiday vacation. An oratorical contest will be given Friday evening by members of the Asaland High School Literary society. Prizes will be given by the alumni of the Asaland High

The churches of the city will all have a short literary program, but no trees or presents will be given on account of the

The Ashland High School Literary society elected the following officers for the coming term, Friday evening: President, Elmer Hays; vice president, Frank Fields; treas-urer, Hallie Wilson; critic, Mabel Whipple; sergeant-at-arms, Alva Kincely,

Santa Claus at Junitta. JUNIATA, Neb., Dec. 24. | Special to The BEE] - The Juniata Baptist Sunday school gave an entertainment in the Baptist church last night, and exhibited a real live Santa Claus. A large brick chimney was con-structed, and also two Christmas Indders. How the Brownies Fooled Santa Claus down the house. A large crowd was in attendance.

Will Lose One Lye. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 21 - Special to THE BEE |- Last night a butcher named Philip Willies with several companions, succeed in getting in an all-around row outside Hann's park. Willick received a severe blow from a beer glass on the right eye. He

STIRVED HERSELF TO DEITH.

Curious Craze of a Maine Woman Grieved

by Her Husbaud's Death. BREWER Me., Dec. 24 - Mrs. Fannie Landers, an ium ite of the almshouse here, died today as the result of an attempt to starve herself to death. Fifty-five days ago she commenced to refuse both food and water. At different times efforts were made to comper her to take nourishment and food, but she refused to swallow naything. When she started upon her voluntary fast she was in good health, but was depressed in spirits by her husband's death.

The lecture to be given by J. C. Ambrose at the First Methodis: caurch this evening has been postponed to a week from next

WILL ALL PASS IT QUIETLY

Cleveland and His Cabinet Lay Modest Plans , for Observing the Festival,

NO FORMALITIES TO BE INDULGED IN

Charch Services in the Morning, with Dinner in the Evening and Trees for the Children Constitute the Program.

> WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE,) 513 FOURTHENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.

The president and Mrs. Cleveland will attend the services at Dr. Sunderland's church tomorrow together with their guests. There will be a quiet family dinner at the white house at 7 o'clock.

Vice President and Mrs. Stevenson, in stead of spending Christmas day in Washington, will take an early train to Baltimore, accompanied by their two daughters, together with Mrs. and Miss Scott, to be present at the marriage of Miss Ewing, daughter of the minister to Belgium. The vice president will give the bride's hand in marriage.

The secretary of state and Mrs Gresham will spend their Christmas at the Arlington, where, as at present contemplated, they will take their late dinner, with their moce, Mrs. Fuller, as their only guest. In the morning they will attend services at the New York Avenue Presbyterian church, where they regularly attend.

The secretary of war and Mrs. Lamont will spend Christmas at their residence in Lafayette square. The preparations for Christmas in the family of the secretary of war have been made mostly with regard to the children, as their interests are naturally paramount at this season. There are likely to be some surprises in the way of presents for the elders, as well as for the children. The secretary, Mrs. Lamont and Miss Sanders will attend services on Christmas morning at the New York Avenue courch. The secretary of the navy will have with him on Christmas day his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Micou. so that the

occasion will be quite in the nature of a family gathering.

The secretary of the treasury and Mrs. Carlisle will have with them on Christmas day, and for the fortnight following, their son, Mr. William K. Carlisle, who, with his wife and three children, arrived yesterday from Chicago. No formal invitations will be issued for dinner, but there will be several friends of the secretary asked to oin the family, party, which will gather at

The secretary of the interior and Mrs. Hoke Smith will celebrate Christmas this year with especial thankfulness, as their two children, who have been ill for weeks past with scarlet fever, have now been pro-nounced entirely well by their physician, and the house, having been thoroughly fumigated, is declared free from infection. There will be a tree for the children's en-

oyment. The secretary of agriculture and his sister, Miss Morton, will spend Christmas at the Portland, where their apartments will be beautified with the gifts sent by members of the family, from whom they will be separated this season for the first time in years. Early this week they expect to have as their a short visit, Immediately after New Year's Mr. and Mrs. Carl Morton, with their 3-year-old son, will come from their home in Nebraska to spend a fortnight, or perhaps re main longer, with the secretary and Miss

Morten. The postmaster general and Mrs. Bissell will have as their guest on Christmas the latter's brother. Mr. Pholip Sturgis of Geneva, N. Y. They will attend service in the morning at St. John's and the afternoon will be given up to the pleasures of the com-pany of little people, who have been asked to come in at 4 o'clock to witness the lighting of Margaret's tree in the library. Fi Assistant Postmaster General Jones will the guest at dinner of Postmast General and Mrs. Bissell.

The attorney general and Mrs. Olney will

spend Christmas in Boston with their youngest married daughter, Mrs. Minot, Perry S. Heath,

INTERNAL REVENUE.

Obstacles in the Road of Accepting the Proposition of the Democrats, WASHINGTON. Dec. 24 -While some of

the members of the ways and means committee worked during the recess, others made a holiday of it. In fact, it is claimed that little can be done until the majority of the ways and means committee come together and accept either the majority or minority report of the subcommittee on internal revenue.

Messrs, McMillen and Bryan reported a plan in favor of an individual income tax. Mr. Montgomery reported against it and suggested the plan of a tax on the incomes

Mr. Montgomery defends his plan and says he could get into any community and combaany argument for the plan suggested by the other members of the committee. "In the first place," said Mr. Montgomery,

if a man has \$100,000 and engages in any enterprise he will give employment to many people, and is a benefit to a community. If ne makes \$20,000 a year and spends it, I do not care how, it gets into circulation and benefits the people. If the profits are invested in stocks and bonds the man does not spend it, but gets a return in interest. Upon such returns he should pay taxes for the sup-port of the government. The money which a man earns and spends is sept in circula-tion, no matter where or how it reaches the ople, and is constantly doing good.

sum chooses, rather than to invest it himself, to loan to those who are more venture-some and who are more energetic and more enterprising and who wish to engage in business on such capital, he becomes a drone in society, is supported by the work of other persons, and he should not complain if he is taxed for a very small part of his progts."
While Mr. Montgomery was talking, Mr.
Stevens of the committee said in a jocular
manner that he believed he would win other members of the committee who disagreabout the income tax to support a proposi-tion to put a duty on sugar to make up the deficit, which was expected to be raised by the tax on incomes. This is only an indication that all the members of the committee as well as many in the house are not alto-gether satisfied with the income tax proposition, and that a duty on sugar is yet a ques-

TO INSURE ARBITRATION. Memorial Ampted by the World's Colum-

bian Commission. Washington, Dec. 24.-Mr. W. E. Black stone has presented to President Cleveland and Secretary Greatiam the memorial

adopted by the World's Commbian commission, asking that steps be taken to insure arbitration in national disputes. Mr. Cleveland made reference to this subject in his annual mox size and yesterday ex-

pressed satisfaction that so much had been

accomplished. Secretary Gresham said he would take measures to have the fac simile of the memorial sent to all foreign governments, and they will be asked to take steps to bring about a conference to carry out the plan which originated at Chicago.

Mr. Blacksione was made honorary commissioner for the purpose of securing signatures to the memorial, and acting under a resolution of the commission, he had ob-

forty different nations which took part in the exposition. They include Sir Richard Webster of England, George F. Cockburn of Canada, Enrique Dupuy de Lomo of Suain, Admiral Maurity of Brazil, Hekky Bey of Turkey, Nyumataka of Japan, Prof. Dr. Sheppan Wartzoldt of Germany, Chun Quan Reo of China, also the commissioners from the different states and territories of the United States. The directors and officials of the exposition, many of the chairmen and speakers of the congresses of the World's Auxillary, including Cardinal Gibbons, Mgr. Satolii, Dr. Phillip Schoff, Hishop Merrill, Joseph Cook, Rey. Alexander, Mackay Smith, William F. Dodge, Lady Somerset, Lady Aberdeen and Josiah Quincy, also the editors of Josiah Quincy, also the editors of the principal daily papers of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, ex-President Harrison, Secretary Morton, Comptroller Eckels, Chief Justice Fulier, Secretary Herbert and Daniel S. Lamont,

secretary of war, Senator John Sherman and several of the most prominent business men of the country, including Joseph F. Seligman, George M. Pullman, Cornelius Vanderbilt and others. This memorial and signatures make a large volume and will be engraved in fac-simile for presentation to the governments.

TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD: The To the Governments of the World: The undersigned, citizens of many countries, gathered at the Columbian exposition in Chicago, in the United States of America, recognizing the advantages accruing to those nations which have pursued the policy of arbitration in international disputes, and desiring that the like benefits in the future may be enjoyed by all nations, and deemin; this a fitting opportunity, do hereby Join in this memorial to all the various governments, praying all will unitedly agree by matual treaties to submit for settlement by arbitration all such international questions and disputes as shall national questions and disputes as shall for satisfactory settlement by ordinary

nan of satisfactory settlement by ordinary negotiations.

And for this the petitioners will ever pray. It is requested that this copy shall be presented to each of the governments of the world.

Conferred with Hopkins, Washington, Dec. 24.-John H. Hopkins, mayor-elect of Chicago, arrived in the city this afternoon. He is accompained by Mr. John S. Hooper of Chicago. Mr. Hopkins and Comptroller of the Currency Eckels had a conference this evening in reference, it is said, to the relinquishing of the receivership of the Chemical National bank of Chicago. He will leave for Chicago tomorrow.

Orders for the New York. Washington, Dec. 24.—It was stated semi-

officially tonight that the orders for the cruiser New York had not been issued up to this time. It is likely that the orders will be forwarded tomorrow.

SHOT IN THE BACK.

Fate that Overtook an Indiana Aftorney on Sunday Morning.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-W. C. Hulse, ex-prosecuting attorney of this county, and a few years ago a candidate for the democratic nomination for congress, was murdored here this morning at about 8 o'clock. The tragedy took place in front of a livery stable. Hulse was walking along the street when a man wearing, it is alleged, a wig and mask, stepped out of a place of concealment and emptied the contents of a double-barreled shotgun

into his victim's back.

Huise fell at the entrance of the stable and called to a man in the mar part of the stable, saying that he had been shot by Lem Willis. He died shortly afterward. No one appears to have seen the shooting. The assassin was seen to run away from the place. dodging through alleys. Some three or four months ago Willis, it

is said, suspected a criminal intimacy be-tween his wife and Hulsgand set a trap for guests Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morton, who, with their little girls, will come from Chicago for ness in another town which would detain him it is alleged, informed Hulse that her husband would be away all night. At an early hour in the evening the husband returned and listening out the window die covered the guilty pair together, it is claimed. He had fastened the door of escape and broke in ou them, shooting at the intrader, Hulse was wounded, but after a few weeks recovered. He then went to Arkansas on hunt, and not returning with the party it was supposed that he would seek another ocality. A few days ago he returned, and it was announced that he had come back to

> About an hour after the killing Willis was arrested by a constable who met him coming toward town. He claims to be innocent. A between the scene of the killing and Willis

CHARGED WITH KIDNAPING.

turer by the Chicago Police. CHICAGO, Dec. 24. Henry B. Shields of Colman, Shields & Co., iron manufacturers

of Niles, O., and manager of the Girard furnace at Girard, O., was arrested last evenng charged with kidnaping E. M. Byers of Pittsburg, Pa., a member of the wealthy iron manufacturing firm of A. M. Byers & Co. of that city. The warrant was sworn out by Mrs. Byers. Snields arrived in the city yesterday morning and registered at the Hotel Grace under the name of J. B. Perry, Boston, O. The arrest was made a quickly no one about the hotel knew of it The prisoner was taken before Justice Mur phy and admitted to ball in the sum of \$10,000.

Attorney George S. Baker, who represents Mrs. Byers in Chicago, says: "May 13 last Henry B. Shlelds took Mr. Byers from the hotel in Pittsburg where he was then living and brought him to Chicago. Here he was placed in charge of Dr. W. Lewis Taliman. house physician at the Great Northern ho-tel. Since then Byers has been taken to various parts of the country, and he had drawn personally but little money from his firm, yet it is estimated that there has seen spent for his account a sum approximating

Dr. Tallman ridicules the story of the alleged abduction and the allegation that his patient is insune. Shields left for Pittsburg oday, but will be here on Wednesday, when his case is called.

Henry Pettit. London, Dec. 24.-Heary Pettit, the dramatist, is dead. He has been suffering for some days past from typhoid fever. Mr. Pettit's works include "The Black Flag," "Faust Up to Date," "Hands Across the

General Emile Mitre. BURNOS AYRES. Dec. 24.-General Emile Mitre, chief of the general staff, is dead. Caprain Lon Hartigan.

DURANGO, Colo., Dac. 24.—Captain Lon Hartigan, city editor of the Durango, Colo. Herald died last night of pneumonia Captain Hartigan was born in New York City, was a graduate of West Point, served several years in in the army in New Mexico, and for the last five or six years has been employed on newspapers in Colorado.

Martin B. Brown.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Martin B. Brown, ublic printer, died at his residence at 931 Madison avenue last night of pneumonia day last, having ocen taken lil several weeks

Ten Years in the Pen. WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 24.-Judge Reed this morning overruled the motion for a new trial and sentenced John Kittrell, the colored man arrested in Kansas City for com-plicity in the robbery of \$7.500 from a United States express wagon here, to ten years in

the pententiary. Martin Maher's Mishap.

Murtin Maher fell backwards off a street car at Sixteenth and Howard streets last tained many endorse neats, securing the night, receiving a ragged scalp wound which afterward he became flighty, and is now a the strength of the page and a signatures of the commissioners from some required a surgeon. Maker was intexicated, caving maniae. He imagines that a gang of receive a good salary.

TRAIN ROBBERS RAMPANT

One of the Missouri Pacific Trains Held Up in Iudian Territory.

NO RESISTANCE WAS OFFERED TO THEM

Passengers and Crew Taken by Surprise and the Desperadors Have an Easy Time-A California Gang Makes a Big Haul.

Parsons, Kan., Dec. 24. -Another, and one of the boldest train robberies ever perpetrated, has to be recorded in Indian Territory. The robbery occurred about 8 o'clock tonight at Seminoh, a small station on the Kansas & Arkansas Valley, which is a division of the Missouri Pacific railroad. The train robbed was No. 232, a train bound for Little Rock.

As the train approached Seminon the engineer saw a danger signal ahead and slowed up, being under the impression that he was flagged to meet another train. As the train neared the switch, however, the engineer perceived that a flat car had been run out of the side track on to the main line and a red light placed on the car.

As soon as the train reached the obstruction the engine was boarded by two or three men, who commanded the engineer and fireman to jump off the cab, which they did with alacrity. As they did so they were confronted by a half dozen men armed to the teeth with Winchesters and revolvers, A detachment of the bandits then started toward the back of the train, and as they proceeded gathered in the rest of the train crew, who had stepped off to ascertain the reason for the sudden stoppage of the train. When the robbers had collected all the crow they were corralled and a guard placed over then and then they proceeded to their work of muleting the express and mail cars.

Attacked the Mail Car.

They attacked the mail car first and met with no resistance from the mail clerk. Pouch after pouch was opened and rifled of its contents. Then the letters, which had been distributed in the pigeon holes, were gone through deliberately and all their valuable contents extracted and placed in a re-ceptacle which the robbers carried.

After completing their work in the mail car the robbers turned their attention to the express car and looted it of its contents without the least objection from the express messenger, who was powerless to protect the company's property against such odds. Having satisfied them-selves that they had secured all the valuables in the express car the gang then pro-ceeded through the coacnes and made a clean sweep of all valuables in the possession

of the terrorized passengers.

It would have been more than folloy for the passengers or crew to resist, as the band was made up of eight desperate looking mee. and it was evident from the way they went

at the job that they knew their business. They Did Not Use Violence. While the robbers proceeded through the coaches each passenger was compelled to hand over all his cash and jewelry. No violence was offered, because every one gave up quickly, glad to escape with a whole skin. The work of the bandits was so deliberate and painstaking that it is believed they are old timers and that they are the same gang who held up the Missouri, Kansas & Texas train night before last. They secured big booty, but no estimate can be all night. She drove him to the station and given of the loss. A posse was organized as authorities of the facts and is hot on the trail of the robbers. It is barely possible

that if the posse get near the gang a fight will ensue. WERE GREEN HANDS.

Holdup on the Southern Pacific-Small

Gaie for the Robbers. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—The railroad brigands have again appeared in California and this morning attacked a Southern Pacific train bearing the treasure of the Welis Fargo Express company. Train No. 20, which pulled out of this city late last night, northbound, was held up at Roscoe, a small station twelve miles north of here, early this morning. The train was stopped by three men, who covered the trainmen with revolvers and blew open the door of the express car with dynamite. After the robbers had gone through the express car the train was al-

owed to proceed, after a detention of about It is claimed that the robbers got nothing, with the exception of \$10, which was taken from the engineer, as they were unable to men the safe and everything was locked up Will Smith, a Southern Pacific detective who started out from here about 4 o'clock this morning with a posse, returned about noon. He says the work was that of green hands, who went out from this city and re thinks they are local men, and this evening

officers are working on a clew which prom-ises to lead to their capture.

One of the robbers went out early in the evening with horses and the others followed on the train. At Hoscoe the first man built a fire by the track and as the train an roacted poured oil on the flames as a signal o his confederate, who was on the top of a freight car just behind the tender. The lat ter then climbed down over the tender and, covering the engineer with his revolver, ordered him to stop the train, which he did, while another man approached the car and the "hold-up" was proceeded with.

on the train as passengers, having purchased tickets to burbank, where they left the train, estensibly, but made their way forward in the darkness and again boarded the to the engine over the tender.

The Southern Pacific has announced a rearrest of the robbers, in addition to the reg ular Wells Fargo reward. No one was hurt and no damage done beyond the breaking open of the express car.

Fired on the Train.

Dernott, Dec. 24.—A special to the Free Press from Jackson, Mich., says: The Boston, New York and Chicago special on the Michigan Central was fired on near Michigan Center at 9:30 this morning while running at a speed of over forty miles an hour. No one saw the persons doing the shooting. When the train reached here officers were notified. Seven builet holes were found in the car windows. Sheriff Peck, Chief of Police Boyle and Constable Wilcox immediately started for the scene of the shooting on an engine, arriving there about twenty minutes after, but were unable to find any one. The officials believe the shooting was done by tramps.

Indiana Bumpkins Frighten a Lad Out of His Reason.

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 24.—[Special Telegram

to Tue Bee !- John Rudy, a dry goods clerk of Yorktown, is a raying maniae today as the result of a practical joke practiced on him last night by some friends. A party of young men went to Cammack Station to spend the evening. Some members of the crowd so cured the services of a stranger to imitate a sheriff. The man approached young Rudy placed his hands on the young man shoulder, and read an imaginary warrant that charged Rudy with stealing a horse. The young man was badly frightened, and took to his heels. He ran a distance of four miles to his home. He fell into his father's house, exhausted and unconscious. Soon

Indians is chasing him, and it has required a half-dozen men to manage him. The jokers will probably be arrested. BLESSED GOSPEL OF BREAD

ORDERED TO HONOLULU, Another United States Man a War Will

Leave for that Port.

San Francisco, Dec 24.-It was learned here today that the United States man-ofwar Mohican is to be disputched to Honoluly on Wednesday. Sailing orders have been received and there is nousual activity at Mare island preparing the cruiser for sea. Inasmuch as the steamship Australia sailed for Honoluin yesterday and could have carried all necessary advices to Minister Willis, the inference is there must be some urgent reason for strengthening the United States naval force at Honolulu.

FAVORABLE TO PEIXOTO.

Latest News Received from Rio by the Brazilian Minister at Washington

Washington, Dec. 24, Minister Mendonca received a cablegram from Rie de Janeiro last night, which he said contained very cucouraging information. "The government reports to me," the min

ister said, "that there have been several

important changes of positions at Rio which greatly strengthen the government. The commanding islands in the bay are now in the possession of the government, except Villegaignon, Cobras and Paquella." Secretary Herbert received a telegram from Captain Picking last night, the nature of which is only speculative. The message was in the Navy department cipher and was not read until this morning. Mr. Herbert tonight refused to give the message out for publication, saying it was merely a depart-

ment business communication of routing

nature and that it contained no important

TROW A CHILD'S PRATTLE. Clew that Led to the Unraveling of an An-

archistic Plot, Bancetona, Dec. 21.—The anarchist laboratory which was discovered at Vallivedera, a village near this city, already cabled to the Associated press, was situated in a large cave at the bottom of a ravine. The opening of the cave was concealed by brushwood and boulders. A number of charged bombs

were seized in this cave. A printer named Sivepot, 22 years old, has Apriller named Sivepot, 22 years old, has been arrested for implication in the dyna-mite outrages and has confessed that he made the mould in which the bombs used recently were placed.

The prefect of police now declares he has sufficient material to unrayel the entire anarchist conspiracy which, he says, extended to the European centers and America. The remarks of a child 8 years old have led to the more important discoveries. GermaniCabinet Holds Important Meetings

Berlin, Dec. 24.—There is much comment on the fact that two cabinet councils have been held since the publication of Count Eulenburg's circular to the provincial authorities. The first meeting was held last Friday and lasted five hours, Chancellor von Caprivi and the minister of war were present. This discussion was an extremely animated one. The second meeting took place yesterday. It is au un-usual thing for two meetings of the cabinet to be held just at Christmas, and it is rumored the discussion turned upon the alleged leaning of some Prussian minister towards the agramans. His attitude toward the Russian treaty and the agitation among the Prussian officials against the imperial

policy, it is said, were also carnestly con-sidered. Melto Still Agressive.

Pernamenco, Dec. 24.—It is announced here that Admiral de Gama continues to obstruct the landing of cargoes from ships and it is added that only American and Gorman merchand ise is guaranteed protection.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 24-It is reported that the Brazilian warships, Aquidaban and Republica, are bound for Montevido, where they will attack President Peixoto's fleet, which is fitting out there.

SINTA TE RECAIVERS.

They Refuse to Make a Statement Concerning the boad's Affilirs. St. Louis, Dec. 24 - The officials of the Santa Fe system and of the Union and the Mercantile Trust companies, who were at Little Rock yesterday, passed through this city today enroute home. They stayed but a short time in the city and when asked for statements said they had nothing to say. It was ascertained by the Associated press representative that they had agreed that creditors of the system who had advanced money to keep up the system would be considered as preferred creditors in the payment of claims. The wages of the employes of the system will be puid during the coming week.

met the officials today, returing to Topeka shortly after. He stated that he would in a few days go to New York, meet the receivers and confer with them.

Toreka, Dec. 24.—Joseph C. Wilson
of Topeka, who was Saturday apof Topeka, who was Saturday ap-pointed by Judge H. C. Childwell as one of the receivers of the Atchison, Topena & Santa Fe Railroad company, is sterk of the United States circuit court for the district of Kansas. It is said Mr. Wilson will re-

Receiver Wilson arrived from Topeka and

sign his position as clerk of the district court Speaking of the receivership question, A. A. Hurd, general atterner for the road, said that the company would be able through the receivership to stem the tide of finanti-stringency and hard times, and finally more all its obligations. Mr. Hard said that he did not anticipate any change of manage-ment, as a majority of the receivers have been at the head of the road, and if a change of management had been necessary they

could have made it long ago. It Has Run Behind.

San Francisco, Dec. 24. Manager Leeds the California Traffic association, which organized the North American Navigation company to offset competition on New York freight publicly announces the navigation company is in a bad way and unable to meet its contract with the Panama Railroad company. The centract runs to May next, and there remains at least \$100,000 to be paid the railroad company in order to keep the navigation company a been unable to secure subscriptions needed, and the steamship company so far has been a losing venture. His statement is an appeal to California shippers for subscriptions

the Union Trust company of New York John H. Bryant has been appointed an additional receiver of the Scattle, Lake Shore & East ern railroad to act with the present receiver The bonduclders allege that bonds for \$5,550,000 are outstanding: that the interest

lue August 1 is in default, and they file a

petition for foreclosure.

Appointed an Additional Receiver.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—On petition of

CALLED TO MOODY'S CHURCH. Dr. McGregor of Scotland Accepts an In

vitation from Chicago. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Rev. G. M. McGregor of Aberdeen, Scotland, one of the best known lergymen of the Scotch Free church, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Dwight

L. Moody's church in this city. In securing Dr. McGregor a peculiar comdication arose, as no contract could be entered into because of the alien labor law. The preacher accepted the call, however, on the strength of the promise that he would

It Was Carried to Omaha's Destitute at Resone Hall Yesterday.

ALMOST THREE HUNDRED WERE FED

Interesting Scene Enacted on the Stage of the Old People's Theater-Turkey and Pic Give Joy-An Example of Gallantry.

A church without a steeple-devoid of pew and pulpit-a federation of religious denominations under the banner of gratitude -272 heads of uncombol hair, lowed in silent

devotion at prayer-such was the picture of services at Rescue hall yesterday, The congregation were no broadcloth or millinery. Thankful hearts beat beneath ragged jackets and patch-covered knees bent. n simple, but sincere, supplication to God.

Rev. A. W. Clark, Prof. Gillespie, G. M. Tibbs and Assistant Superintendent Richards conducted the services. The text was the "Birth of Christ." subject of Christmas observance from the time of the appearance of that strange star to the present day was discussed by Mr. Clark. He concluded his remarks with reference to the great Christmas present which the benevolent people of Omana had given to the destitute at Rescue hall. At the conclusion of his remarks, the speaker offered prayer, in which he gave hearty thanks to the Lord and the charitable citizens of this commun-ity for the timely reder afforded. Mr. Sketa followed with a cornet solo, after which the cosmopolitan congregation loined in "Nearer the Cross." Even the most debased man in the crowd seemed to catch a musical inspira-tion and joined in the chorus.

A Big Dinner Served.

There was a big dinner in addition to a moral feast at Rescue hall yesterday. This institution was formerly the Academy of Music—at one time the swell theater of Omana. Edwin Forcest, Carriotte Cash-man and other histrionic stars have tred the old stage. Vesterday the faded drop curtain ascended for the first time in mouths and the stage setting was tables inden with turkey, meat, pio, cake, vegetables and steaming hot coffee. The appliance which came from the men in the old parquette was not an evation to any star but a vigorous handelapping and shouts of joy at the sight of a Sunday "spread." This was more to them than a production of Voghtlin's scenic masterpiece. There was a grand scramble masterpiece. There was a grand scramood down the side aisie to get a place at the

An Interesting Banquet Scene. The stage was compactely filled with long tables covered with inviting food. Coffee was regarded as superior to the fabled drink of the gods and a turkey leg was looked upon as the apex of epicarean delicacies. The men were seated as rapidly as possible. In

three minutes every chair was taken and a long like of impatient men waited in the aiste for vacaneles.

The scene of "before and after taking" witnessed during the hour was a study. Men, women and children who had feasted Men, women and children who had feasted to the full expacity of their stomachs flect down one aisle after leaving the tables. They smiled and appeared exceedingly happy. In another aisle, pushing rapidly to the front in a stampede for vacated chairs, was another row of bungry humanity, with anxious faces and mouths fairly watering for an opportunity to get a quarter section of pie or a piece of meat. An example of gallantry occurred in the rush for the tables. One tion, had secured a place in time well up in front when a thinly-clad woman get lost in the shuffle and stood at one side with a look of keen anxiety and disappointment on a face that was plached with hunger.
"Here Indy." shouted the big-hearted trishman in line, "take my place, mam."
The offer was gratefully accepted. The man are at the account table, but consoled bimself with the thought that although

poor he was still a gentleman and com of stuff that gives heroes to the world, Almost Three Hundred Fed. Men, women and children to the extent of 272 were fed at the hall yesterday. The dining service occupied three hours and all brought their appetites with them. No one was turned away bungry and childish

laughter was minuted with the grunts of satisfaction that came from the adults, between bites. The unemployed cooks and waiters who are sojourning at the institution were pressed into service and cheerfully re-Clark and Assistant Superintendent Rich-

many expressions of appreciation.

THREATENED BY A CRANK. Phil Armour and Rev. Dr. Gunsalus Placed to Danger.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Armour institute, at

Thirty-third street and Armour avenue, has

been threatened with destruction by a dynamite crank, and it is said also that the lives of Philip D. Armour, founder of the institute, and Dr. Frank Gunsalus, its president, and paster of the Plymouth church, have been placed in jeopardy by the same individual. Neither Dr. Gunsalus or Mr. Armour will say a single word coaccening the story of their lives being in danger, but at the same time it is positively known that Dr Gun-

salus has declared that a man who at one time was connected with the Armour institute has threatened to blow it up with dynamite at a time when such a deed would prove a terrible calamity. When the thrent was made the doctor by his persunalers and threats had for the time being converted the would be dynamiter and the latter departed, promising not to carry his threat into ex-ecution. He had a wild look in his eyes, however, as he had later, on several occas-ions, when Dr. Gunsalus met him on the ions, when Dr. Gunsalus met him on the arrest. The story is that the crank ordered Dr. Gunsalus to furnish him money or get it from Mr. Armour. The millionaire is a member of the congregation of Plymouth church and a warm personal friend of its master. It was on this the crank counted when he demanded that Dr. Gunsalus use his influence with Mr. Armour in order to procure the money. When the request was demed by the pastor, then came threats of blowing up both him and Mr. Armour as well as the institute.

ECHOES OF THE THUNDER STORM.

Ice Crops Badly Damaged, but the Grain Crop Materially Aided by the Rain. Stock Crry, Dec. 24 .- Special Telegram to

THE BEE |-A steady rain has been pouring down in this section of the country for the past twenty-four hours. Ice in the Floyd, Perry, Sioux and other smaller streams has broken up and the water is running over the ice in the anissouri to a considerable depth, threatening a break up at most any time, unless there is a sudden change in the weather. The ice crop, the harvest of which was just commenced, has been ruined. On the other hand the rain has soaked into the ground, which was parched with a drouth of six weeks duration when winter set in, and six weeks duration when winter set in, and has brought solace to the farmers.

Ilyannis, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram to The Ber.)—A severe snowstorm has prevailed for the last eighteen hoors over this section of the country. The wind is blowing a gale, the snow is drifting and there may be some loss of stock, the first of this winter.

JUINATA, Neb., Dec. 24 .- [Special to THE BEE |- The past three days have been as baimy as summer. It begun raining last night, and still continues today. The ground is thoroughly soaked and the moisture will

be retained and do much good.